

applying for his or her certificate of freedom as aforesaid ; and the said clerk or register shall keep a registry of each and every certificate granted by them, or either of them, to any negro or negroes to whom such certificate have been granted.

See 1807, ch. 164, which directs that no negro shall receive a certificate of freedom except from the clerk or register of wills of the county where the deed of manumission or will is recorded.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons, other than the clerks or registers as aforesaid of the several counties in this state, shall give or grant any certificate of freedom to any negro or negroes, he, she or they, shall, upon an indictment, and being found guilty thereof, either by confession or verdict of a jury, forfeit and pay not exceeding five hundred dollars for each and every offence, to be applied to the use of the county where such person shall reside ; and if any clerk or register in any county in this state shall grant a certificate of freedom to any negro or negroes not entitled to freedom, knowing such negro or negroes not to be entitled to freedom, or to any free negro or free negroes, except such as belong to, or were manumitted or freed according to the laws of this state, in his or their respective counties, shall, upon an indictment and conviction thereof, forfeit and pay not exceeding five hundred dollars for each and every offence, to be applied as aforesaid.

Penalty on persons other than clerks, &c. for granting certificates of freedom, and on clerks, &c. for granting them improperly.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any clerk or register of any county in this state to grant a certificate of freedom to any negro manumitted or freed as aforesaid who has once obtained a certificate of his or her freedom of such clerk or register, unless such negro applying for the same shall make oath, or prove by some credible and disinterested witness, that he or she, as the case may be, has lost the former certificate of his or her freedom, granted as aforesaid ; and it shall be the duty of the said clerk or register to describe the grantee of such second certificate, in the same manner as is prescribed in the first section of this act.

A second certificate not to be granted except on oath that the first is lost.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That when any negro or negroes, who has or have been manumitted or freed as aforesaid, shall apply to the clerk or register of the county where he, she or they was or were manumitted or freed as aforesaid, for a certificate thereof, it shall be the duty of such clerk or register to cause such applicant or applicants to prove, by such testimony as shall be satisfactory to such clerk or register, that he or she, as the case may be, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid.

A negro applying for certificate, to prove he is the person manumitted or freed.

See note to section 2.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That where any negro or negroes, born free, shall wish to travel out of, or leave, the county in which he, she or they, were born, such negro or negroes shall

How certificates are to be granted.